

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Special meeting** of the **Full Town Council**, which was held on **Monday 17th January 2005**
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Francis
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps
Councillor S. R. Dobson
Councillor M. P. Cooper
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow
Councillor N. J. Fogg
Councillor M. Gray
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson
Councillor D. L. Parker
Councillor M. C. Curtis
Councillor P. B. Cossey
Councillor A. R. Ross

Town Mayor
Deputy Town Mayor

Graham Gittins
Mrs Sue Fry

Town Clerk
Office Manager

PRAYERS:

The Mayor opened the meeting with prayers.

443/04 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W. B. Cavill and Councillor R. J. Allen.

444/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

445/04 MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting, which was held on Tuesday 4th January 2005 were confirmed as a true record and signed by The Mayor.

446/04 PLANNED MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE:

The Mayor said that the Schedule produced by Marlborough Town Council's Architect was not available during the budget preparation, but was discussed by the Recreation and Amenities Committee on Tuesday 4th January 2005.

He said that it was up to this Council to decide the level of internal and external maintenance required and whether it would be funded from the Precept or Marlborough Town Council's reserves.

Funding by Marlborough Town Council in the next financial year could be made easier by an imminent rates rebate on the Town Hall of approximately £21,000 plus a rates reduction of £5,500 for 2005/06.

After debate it was –

Proposed by Councillor D. L. Parker, seconded by Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps and –

1. That this Council allocates £30,000 this year and £30,000 indexed-linked for the following five years for external maintenance of the Town Hall. This funding will have its own budget heading and held in earmarked reserves.
2. That this Council allocates £8,000 this year and £8,000 index-linked for the following five years for internal maintenance. This funding will have its own budget heading and held in earmarked reserves.
3. That in the Financial Year 2005/06 the funding for the exterior maintenance should be that which has been identified from rebate receipts and under spent budget headings.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor S. R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford –

That the proposal be amended to £30,000 for external and £8,000 for internal maintenance for this year only and mindful of the responsibilities for the following year and that paragraph 3 (above) stands that in the Financial Year 2005/06 the funding for the exterior maintenance should be that which has been identified from rebate receipts and under spent budget headings.

This amendment was successful by 8 votes to 6 votes and became the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was then Resolved by 8 votes to 6 votes with 0 abstentions.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm